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GREAT FLOODS.

Scores of Corpses Floating in the Stream.

WHOLE TOWNS UNDER WATER

What a Signal Man Saw—Efforts to Rescuse the Drowning—The Great Reservoir.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 31.—A heavy rain, which began here at noon yesterday and continued until late last night, caused a flood in the tributaries of the Kanawha river. Burns in Elks and Coal rivers were swept away, and millions of dollars' worth of timber, lumber and railroad ties were swept away. It is feared that a portion of the city will be submerged. The rivers are still rising.

DESTRUCTION IN ITS TRACKS.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 31.—A terrible storm passed over the Potomac river district of Washington county yesterday afternoon. It seemed to follow the course of the river, leaving destruction in its track. Blowing down buildings, trees, fences, and ruined growing crops. The telegraph and telephone wires are down, and it is impossible to obtain particulars.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 31.—The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. It is said the reservoir above town broke about 5 o'clock this evening, and an enormous volume of water rushed down over the city. Houses with their occupants were swept away and many people drowned. Reports from Song Hollow, twelve miles this side of there, say at least seventy-five dead bodies have floated past. The wires are all down and no trains are running east of Bear Valley.

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS DROWNED.

PITTSBURGH, May 31.—The latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes through Pennsylvania railroad officials, who aver that over 200 dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone, while along the line additional lives have been lost. It is asserted that there are but two houses in Johnstown proper entirely above the water line.

BIGGEST FLOOD IN TWENTY YEARS.

WILLIAMSTON, Pa., May 31.—A heavy rain has been falling here almost continuously since yesterday morning. Reports from up the river announce a twelve-foot flood near Chenofield, indicating a bigger flood than that of 1865. The lumbermen here are preparing for a flood of over twenty feet.

SEPARATION GROWING WORSE.

PITTSBURGH, May 31.—Dispatches received up to midnight at the office of the Pennsylvania railroad, indicate the situation hourly growing worse. Between Harrisburg and Altoona landslides and washouts are now reported along the line. The New York limited east-bound, which is at Witmore, had a narrow escape from destruction. The conductor reports that immediately after the train passed over the bridge which spans the river at South Fork the structure was swept away by the rushing water. The tracks west of Johnstown are at some points entirely carried away and the roads gone. The river for some distance above the bridge is filled with buildings and driftwood thirty feet high, which is on fire and likely to damage the bridge. The fire is beyond control. Johnstown is literally wiped out.

RAILROAD TRACK SUBMERGED.

General Manager Pugh of the Pennsylvania line said to-night: "Nothing short of a waterspout could have caused such damage as has been reported. For the water to rise high enough to obstruct the passage of trains is unprecedented. A dispatch just received by me, says that the waters are rushing over the tracks. Its height is at least five feet above the roadbed; and this, I say, could be brought about by nothing short of a waterspout. I have no doubt if our operator at Song Hollow said he saw bodies from Johnstown floating down the river, as reported in the Associated Press Bulletin, that it is true, as the tower is located right on the bank of the river."

A BOY ASSURED.

BRAZENBROOK, Pa., May 31.—At quarter of 8 o'clock to-night a boy was rescued by some men in the signal tower of the railroad company. His name is unknown, but he said that, with his father, mother, brother and two sisters, he was swept over the breast work of the new stone railroad bridge at Johnstown, and that it capsized a few seconds later and they were all drowned, so far as he could tell. The railroad operator officially reports that before dark they had counted 110 persons clinging to buildings and wreckage, and others drowned and floating in the current. This information is to be relied on. The damage to town property must be in the nature of a clean sweep. As early as 1 o'clock an alarm was sent to Johnstown that there was danger from the dam. The railroad officials were notified, and in a very short time they began to carry people from the town to places of safety on regular trains, and hastily improvised rescues.

SCARCELY A DWELLING VISIBLE.

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 31.—At Camptown, a village of several hundred inhabitants, the houses are almost entirely covered with water, and a great many dwellings at Blairstown are submerged. Scarcely a dwelling in the vicinity of Song Hollow can be seen. At Livermore the water is rising and great destruction will follow.

FLEEING TO THE HILLS.

PENNSYLVANIA, May 31.—This place has been visited with the greatest flood since 1870. It began raining yesterday and continued until noon to-day. It also rained some this afternoon. Two hundred families living near the river were forced to leave their houses and flee to the hills. The damage to property is estimated at \$10,000. The damage to railroads is estimated to be over \$25,000. Nine Baltimore & Ohio trains are lodged here and 1200 emigrants are on the streets.

THE COURSE OF THE FLOOD.

GREENSBURG, May 31.—In order to understand the nature of the calamity it is necessary to describe the reservoir at Johnstown. The reservoir lies about two and a half miles northeast of Johnstown and is the site of an old reservoir, which was one of the feeders of the Pennsylvania canal. This sheet of water is from 200 to 300 feet above the level of Johnstown, in the mountains. It is about three and a half miles long and from one mile to one and one-half miles in width, and in some places it is 100 feet in depth. It holds more water than any other reservoir, natural or artificial, in the United States. The lake has been quickly filled by artificial means, and was held in by a Chunky dam 50 to 100 rods wide, 9 feet in thickness at the base, with a height of 100 feet. The top has a breadth of 20 feet. The South Fork club, who owned the reservoir, had the dam inspected once a month by a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, and the investigation showed that nothing less than some convolution of nature would tear the barrier away. The steady rains of the past forty-eight hours increased the volume of water in all the small mountain streams, which were already swelled by the last rain. The river in the creek, in the best information available at this time, it is evident that something in the nature of a gale must have been the culminating of the struggle of the water against the embankment.

The course of the torrent from the broken dam at the foot of the lake to Johnstown is almost eighteen miles long, and, with the exception of one point, the water passed through a narrow, steep valley. Four miles below the dam lay the town of South Fork, which contained about 2500 inhabitants. It had not been heard from, but it is believed that four-fifths of its inhabitants swept away. At four miles further down was Johnstown, and its sister of sister towns, which had a total population of 20,000.

RESCUING THE DROWNING.

PIITSBURGH, June 1.—A Greensburg special says that the first section of the day express which passed here at 1 o'clock was being between Long Hollow and Johnstown yesterday afternoon when the water came down. The flood took a car containing about fifty or sixty passengers and it was carried away. It is supposed that all the passengers perished. A few of the passengers of other cars it is thought escaped, but it is doubtful. S. M. Bell of Latrobe, was conductor. He escaped by assistance rendered him.

PROVIDENCE.

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A man who was in the city this morning said: "There is no falling back for any of them to escape. Six miles further down was the town of Conemaugh, and here along there was a topographical possibility for the spreading of the flood and the breaking of its banks. It contained 2500 inhabitants and must be almost wholly devastated. Woolville, with 2000 people, lay a mile below Conemaugh in the flat, and one mile further down was Johnstown, and its sister of sister towns, which had a total population of 20,000.

THE OPERATOR SAW.

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LATER ACCOUNTS.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED.

UNFORTUNATES BURNED ALIVE.

CARS SWEEP OFF THE TRACK AND PASSENGERS DROWNED—RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Short & Shanklin.

From the Daily of Saturday.

THE SEWER MIDDLE.

How the City Has Been Deprived in the Pipe.

THE CONTRACT IS ANNULLED.

A Mass Meeting to Be Held To-Night to Discuss the Sewerage Question.

company received. The company gets 97 cents a foot for furnishing the pipe and laying it in the ground, of which 19 cents a foot remains for doing the work. The judgment of competent engineers is that the work cannot be done for less than 50 cents a foot, and that the city is therefore doing the work now at a great loss.

ANOTHER COMPLICATION.

Another complication arises also in this matter. The city has let a contract to Alexander McLean of Oakland to take charge of the sewage after it is delivered by the sewer to the receiving tanks, and to go into effect on September 1st next. According to the terms of the contract the California Sewer Pipe Company was to have completed the work on July 1st next, but it was understood that an extension of time would be granted until September 1st, and for this reason Mr. McLean's contract was made to take effect on that date. Also, that the work is finished by that time or not Mr. McLean is entitled to draw his salary, even if there is not a pound of sewage to be disposed of.

THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES.
One of the things just mentioned will prevent the work from being done by the city by that date, but the city will have some difficulty in assessing the measure of damages that should be collected from the Sewer Pipe Company for the violation of its contract, and it will collect a dollar of any damages whatsoever. If it should turn out that the work will cost the city sum largely in excess of the present contract price, the record should be kept from June 1, 1889, to May 31, 1890. Nearly 26,000 of these records books were filled up and returned to the office in 1889, and nearly all of them used for statistical purposes. It is hoped that double this number will be obtained for the matter upon questions of facts.

The bonds are only \$7000, but it is believed that the Company will not be satisfied by the amount we can do to alleviate the burden of the work or the wages and try to make the Company pay for it.

Mr. Tolson said: "We are always in hope that they will agree to it. Mr. Daly, the President of the Company, told me this: 'I am satisfied that we will have \$10,000 on the contract, but we will go to the work because we want to get an advertisement for our pipe in this work, and we will do it.'

Now, they have not done it. I don't believe that the Company will ever pay in that sewer. We want it, and we want this money to do the work and wages and try to make the Company pay for it."

CONFIDENTIAL.

Said Mr. Clark: "We have from time to time included these contractors as far as could be reasonably expected under any circumstances, and yet, with all the indulgence that we have extended to them, we find that they have done very little and kept going from bad to worse. They will either go to the city and say nothing whatever. We have endeavored to protect the citizens from losing the money that they have received nothing whatever they have received nothing. We have notified this company that on this coming we would have a special meeting and we have none of them present and we have received no word from them—no assurance of any kind that they intend to go ahead with the contract. I am, therefore, in favor of amending the contract."

The contract provides that no pipe shall be accepted if that of a less thickness than one-twelfth of its interior diameter. It is asserted on competent authority—that of M. J. Churchill—that the so-called twenty-four-inch pipe accepted and paid for by the city is only one and a half inches thick to an interior diameter of 23½ inches; that the eighteen-inch pipe is only one and a half inches thick, instead of two and a half inches thick, instead of three and one-sixteenths of an inch. This fact will damage the company should it appeal to the courts, because it has received money by false pretenses—to speak plainly.

OUR RAISINS ABROAD.

Protection a Benefit to Fresno's Principal Fruit Crop.

Colonel William Forsythe, the well-known Fresno raisin-grower, has just returned to New York after a careful inspection of all the raisin-growing districts of Europe. He says that American raisins, in addition to supplying the American market, are destined soon to take a large share of the London business. The Malaga raisins, he says, are constantly diminishing the best crops of Spain in an increased degree, and even if they should find a remedy for it, it would be five years before the Malaga district could recover its former position. A heavy concentration of California raisins has been disposed of in London this season, being the first shipment of the kind on record.

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Frank Storer Abroad.

The tenth anniversary of the institution of Valley Lodge, No. 23, R. O. G., was appropriately observed last evening in Cambrian Hall. A very large audience, composed of past and present members of the Order of Good Templars, and the general public, was in attendance, who thoroughly enjoyed a program of unusual excellence. The instrumental and vocal numbers were very excellent, and the entire meeting was well received.

Frank Storer of Fresno, one of the charter members of the Lodge, delivered the anniversary address, retaining the attention of the audience to the end.

He referred to the incidents connected with the institution of Valley Lodge on May 13, 1879, and again spoke of the work he was engaged in.

He gave a practical temperance work added to the Lodge in reforming those addicted to strong drink, and brightening homes that had once been dark and dismal through the vice of intemperance, was pictured with thrilling sentences, charming the ear and touching the heart. The great usefulness and efforts of the order throughout the world, having a membership of between 60,000 and 70,000, were presented in glowing colors, and an invitation extended to all not members to make and assist in uplifting and saving humanity.

As far as possible, the Lodge was in the growth of exports. If we were told once during the campaign we would sell 500 times that the United States need never hope to secure foreign markets for our products so long as we adhere to the system of protection; and yet we see California handicapped as they are by high prices for labor and heavy cost of transportation, competing with Spanish raisins in the London market, the greatest raisin market of the world, preparing to take a large share of the English market.

For the sake of being agreeable and entertaining, we should like to ask where the raisin industry of this State would be had it not been for protection. Had the import duty on Spanish raisins been removed, as the free traders would have liked, does any one suppose that we could have made raisins in California and shipped them to London, there to enter the lists with the Malaga product? This question answer themselves. When we see the Spanish raisins, now in California, raised and sent to the market, we should be sorry to see them.

There is one representative of the California Sugar Pipe Company present, Mr. Pollard.

The room was silent as the corpse of a dead and dumb man.

"It seems to be the sentiments of the citizens," remarked Mr. Storer, "that this work should be let by contract. But in this case, I don't know that we could get any takers. If we advertise for bids again the Los Angeles Sewer Pipe Company will probably come in, because it has received money by false pretenses—to speak plainly."

RESCUE OR NOT.

Dr. Pollard said that up to that time he had nerved the leader bid of hope in his acting bosom. He had even telegraphed seven hours before to President Daly of the company asking him whether the company intended to go on with the work, but a long and hopelessly wired. He then telephoned him.

A resolution was unanimously adopted amending the contract. It was decided to do nothing further in the premises until Monday night, and that a mass meeting of citizens should be called at Ringers theater this evening for the purpose of eliciting the opinions of taxpayers as to whether the work should be done by the city or by contract.

History of the Contract.

A synopsis of the history of this contract will prove of interest at this time to the readers of THE REPUBLICAN. A large number of firms from all parts of the state had their proposals to the City Trustees. The total bid of the California Sewer Pipe Company was \$30,367,400. The next lowest bid was that of Bassett & Tooley for \$30,573,000, the bid being difference of over \$200,000, the bid being nearly double that of the California Sewer Pipe Company.

In the contract of Fresno, received the right to make any omission or alteration in the work to be done, specifying, however, that the value of such omission should be deducted from the contract price, and that the value of all additions, extensions and alterations should be added to the contract price.

To this resolution the California Sewer Pipe Company agreed.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1881.

J. A. Clark of Bakersfield, is spending
a few days in Fresno.

Dr. J. C. Cooper and wife are home
again from a visit on the coast.

Miss Lizzie Evans of Austin, Texas, is
a guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. Dugan.

J. A. Lane and family have gone on a
visit of several weeks duration to friends in
San Francisco.

Miss Gracie Anderson of Tulare City
arrived in the city yesterday and is the
guest of Miss Emma Austin.

Mrs. Maggie Madden of San Francisco,
a sister of T. A. cell, is visiting the
latter and family in this city.

Mrs. E. O. Chadwick, a very promi-
nent society lady, has been seriously ill
for the past four or five days.

Hammond & Holt's produce market
two doors from postoffice, for the finest
butcher, cheese, fish, poultry, etc.

W. D. Bowes and family and W. J.
Bowen and family left on Friday morning
for a prolonged visit to Yosemite
valley.

Miss Clara Berry, daughter of the well-
known farmer, W. J. Berry, new Salina,
is spending a few days in Fresno visiting
friends.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C.
A. will meet in the Association parlor
Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full
attendance is desired.

M. A. Blod is down from Pine Ridge,
but will return in a day or two. He has
established a summer camp among the
pines for himself and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. McClelland leave to-
morrow for Fish Camp. They will be
gone several months and during their
absence they will visit the Yosemite val-
ley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Colwell, accom-
panied by Miss Nina Weaver, will start
this morning on a trip to the Yosemite
valley. They will be absent about three
weeks.

Mrs. E. K. Mancouri, who has been
spending the winter with her daughter,
Mrs. M. Dugan, leaves to-day for Lodi,
where she will remain during the summer.

The jury convened to hold an inquest
over the remains of the mangled Chinaman
who was killed by the ears near
Selma, last Friday morning, rendered a
verdict yesterday of accidental death.

Joseph Spangler was tried before Justice
Hoggs yesterday for threatening
the life of Charles Holton. The case
was taken under advisement until to-
morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The piano of the Christian Church
Sunday school last Sunday on the San
Joaquin river was well attended and a
most delightful affair. All who attended
spoke highly of the pleasant time they
had.

I. T. Smut, lately associated with the
Selma Irrigation, is in town visiting
his brother Edward. He has been
making for San Francisco, where he
will join a government surveying party
en route to Idaho for a season's work.

There was not a large attendance at
the party given by the young folks at
Ridge. They had a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pickford went to
Oakland on Friday where they will
remain until next October. Mr. Pickford
recently had an elegant summer resi-
dence erected in Oakland, where he
expects to pass the summer months in
the future.

Frank Hopkins, the son of Dr. H. St.
George Hopkins, has been promoted
from his position as clerk in Wells, Fargo
& Co.'s express office in this city, and
left on to-day's express for Oakland, where
he will fill the position of relief
clerk with the company, in that city.

N. Solomon, formerly manager of the
clothing department of Kutter, Gold-
stein & Co., has resigned his position
and has gone to San Francisco to reside.
Charles Becker, for some years a sales-
man in the clothing department, has
been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The examination of T. Alvizo, one of
the witnesses in the Hilditch stage rob-
bery case, occupied the attention of
Judge Hurst and the jury the entire day
yesterday in the Superior Court. Not-
hing new from that already published on
the preliminary examination was
brought out.

Contrary to the announcement made
in the San Francisco papers that Miss
Annie P. Lewis, a sister of Mrs. J. P.
Messing of this city, had married Mr.
Eisworth, a reputed wealthy young man
of Oakland, a few days ago, such is not
the fact. The lady referred to is not Miss
Lewis of this city.

W. H. Parker, a lumberman on the San
Joaquin river near Fresno, was in
the city yesterday. A few days ago he
had started a suit when he noticed on
the carcass a number of dead flies. An
inspection soon disclosed the fact that
the flies were being killed by another
insect resembling a sand fly. This
insect also killed a number of flies when
brought in contact with them.

At the meeting of the members of St.
John's Priory, No. 60, Kassidian Knights,
on Friday evening, the following of-
ficers were elected for the ensuing year:
Executive Prior, George E. Church;
Senior Senechal, Samuel Jackson;
Junior Senechal, H. C. Tupper; Keeper
of Finances, M. Washington; Medical
Examiner, Dr. F. M. Sponagle; Trustees,
C. C. Merriman, H. P. Hansen and
F. E. Callahan.

Meers, W. M. Cline and E. A. Boz-
tich, prominent young business men of
Hollister, were spent yesterday in
Fresno, and took a drive through the
valleys east of the city. They are
in search of a location in California for
themselves and a number of friends and
expect to make their homes in the state
within a few months. They spent some
time in the southern part of the state,
and express themselves highly pleased
with Fresno.

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F. M. Smith, Miss E. Fulton of San
Francisco, C. E. Pressley, Charles
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had at midnight.

H. D. Goss filed his petition in insol-
vency with the County Clerk yesterday.
The following is taken from the sched-
ule: Value of real estate, \$4,800; in-
demnities on the same, \$200; value of
household, \$320; value of personal
property, \$26,40; value of property ex-
empt from executors, \$580; amount of
uncollected personal property, \$140.

In response to a further question by
Mr. Hughes Dr. Pedlar said that the
city had paid the company for all the
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Mr. and Mrs. Einstein serenaded.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Einstein were
serenaded last Thursday night at the
residence of George Rupert, at the
corner of L and Tuolumne streets, by
the following named officers: T. L. Jones,
C. J. and W. C. Colson, V. J. D. W.
Mauri, P. G. J.; F. W. Littlefield,
Secretary; U. G. Smith, C. Joseph
Blane, H. V. J. Schwab, F. F. S.
Bagley, P. J. W. Adam, W.; Dr. Mar-
tin, Medical Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Einstein serenaded.
Lawyer Meux asked whether the
Trustees had paid the last \$3000 on the
dishes because they had been advised to
do so in order to protect the rights of the
city, and Dr. Pedlar replied that that
was not the case. He was of the opinion
that the pipe was a bargain at the price
he paid.

Just opened two cases Unlaundered
shirts at 50 cents; one case at 75 cents
McCallum & Connally.

Long Bros. Bazaar defies competition in
crockery, glassware, lamps, etc. etc.

From the Daily of Sunday.

WORSE AND WORSE.

The Sewer Problem Becomes
More Complicated.

LAST NIGHT'S MASS MEETING.

Another Meeting to Be Held To-Mor-
row Afternoon for a Further
Pow-Wow.

It was unfortunate that the City
Trustees announced on Friday night that the
place of the citizens' mass meeting to
discuss the sewer problem would be at
Biggs Theater, for many persons went
there only to find a gang of men taking
the chairs on for the purpose of having a
dance. The meeting was held at the
Young Men's Christian Association Hall,
and strange to say, only Dr. Pedlar, S.
H. Cole, Clerk Bennett and City Engi-
neer Shepard put in an appearance to
represent the Trustees.

There was a good sprinkling of con-
tractors and but very few of the
representative property holders of the city
present. It was decided that the sewer
question was a greater trouble than ever
before, and that another mass meeting
should be held at the same place at 4
o'clock to-morrow afternoon to get the
opinion of a large body of citizens.

BOXES FOR THE TRUSTEES.

Ex-Senator Bonas declared himself in
favor of sustaining the action of the
Trustees. He was not a lawyer and
knew nothing about law, he said, but he
believed that they had proceeded ac-
cording to law.

Dr. Pedlar made one of his usually
neat speeches, explaining why the meet-
ing had been called. The Board of
Trustees had at heart the interest of the
citizens. He had heard it intimated that
the action of the Board would pro-
voke hostility, or a feeling akin to that
on the part of some people. He would
say on behalf of the Board that if he
thought it would be appropriate the Board
would be ready to open it.

Mr. Hughes remarked that he did not
see any of the prominent business men
— the capitalists and bankers—present
and he suggested that another meeting
be held.

It was decided to hold a meeting in
the Young Men's Christian Association
hall to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

CITY SCHOOL CENSUS.

An Immense Crop of Babies for the
Fleat Year.

The Census Marshal of this school dis-
trict filed his report with the County Su-
perintendent yesterday. The total num-
ber of white children in the district be-
tween 5 and 17 years of age is 1326, of
which number 673 are boys and 647 are
girls. There are also 24 colored boys
and 21 girls, and 3 Chinese boys and
1 Chinese girl. Making a total of
1377 boys and girls between the ages of
5 and 17 in the city, against a total of
1326 enumerated last year.

The increase is apparently very small,
but this is partially accounted for by the
fact that two entire districts—Kings-
bury and Belmont—addition—have been de-
tached from the city since last year.

There are 64 boys and 39 girls of school
age in Belmont, and 36 boys and 22
girls in Kingsbury, which, added to the
city list, would make a total 1520 for the
same territory contained in the city dis-
trict last year, or an increase of 192.

The apparent increase is believed to
be erroneous and attributed to some
error in the census.

J. G. Rhodes was elected Chairman.

Mr. Rhodes said that if the work was
not completed very soon the health of
the city would suffer and that therefore
any proposition to delay the work was
out of the question.

MORE TALK WANTED.

Louis Gruendlfinger suggested that in
view of the fact that but a handful of
people were present the Board of
Trustees should make another effort to
get the citizens together by appointing some
night next week for a mass meet-
ing on the subject. He, at that time, it
was found that no more interest was
taken than was exhibited last night by
the Board of Trustees.

He then suggested that a Chairman
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The Hilditch stage robbery case is still in progress.

Papers of naturalization were granted to J. Sorenson by Judge Campbell yesterday.

Daniel Sullivan paid Reverend Prince \$5 yesterday morning for the privilege of getting drunk.

The members of Fresno parlor, No. 25, N. S. G. W., will hold their regular weekly meeting this evening.

Dr. W. T. Martin has removed his place of residence, and is now located on the corner of San Joaquin and L streets.

A telegram was received yesterday afternoon from J. R. Austin, stating that he will to-day leave New York for Chicago.

J. L. Martin left on this morning's train for Cooper's College, San Francisco, to attend school. He will be absent until next November.

Ex-Policeman Gus Anderson, who has been working in the O'Keefe sawmills for some weeks, is spending a few days on a vacation in the city.

Miss M. C. Ellis of Oakland, formerly a teacher in the public schools of this city, will arrive to-day on a visit to her niece, Miss Lizzie Thorpe.

Mrs. Alice Ratliff, nee Alice Hartner, the handsome and accomplished wife of W. P. Ratliff of Tulare City, is the guest of Miss Suze while this week.

Billy Summers, Major Dunn at the Hospital, is employing his spare time in chasing jacks with a hell-bell. The long-eared pests occasionally visit the parlor for fun.

A. Tonka and son-in-law, James Tonka, left for San Francisco yesterday. Mr. Tonka will purchase the furniture for his new hotel building on the corner of Mored and L streets, while absent.

Lots 1 to 6 inclusive, in Fisher's Addition, were sold by the Sheriff yesterday for \$500 to W. B. Thomas. The sale was made to satisfy a mortgage given by George Hill to G. M. McFerrin for \$750.

Louis Estrada, a notorious lover living on the West Side, was arrested by Officer Doodie yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. His trial will take place before Justice Wolcott this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Zetz tendered a reception to the friends of Miss Lola Loper at their residence, on south M street, last Tuesday evening. Miss Loper went to Mored yesterday on a visit to friends.

The suit filed some weeks ago by Thomas E. Dixies against George W. Strine for the foreclosure of a mortgage was yesterday dismissed in the Superior Court, the matter having been settled without further obligation.

Mrs. Fred Kramer started on an extended visit to the East yesterday morning. She is accompanied by her two daughters. Mrs. Kramer will spend a portion of her stay at Little Creek, Mich., visiting sister.

R. J. Hanson, the well-known fruit-trader of Central Colony, left on a visit yesterday to his father, who is now up-wards of 90 years old, in Pungash, Cumberland county, Nova Scotia. He will be absent about six weeks more.

H. Fiske and George H. Heath appeared for trial before Justice Wolcott yesterday. The charge against Heath was dismissed for want of evidence. Fiske was found guilty of disturbing the peace, and was fined \$25, which he paid.

W. F. Green, local labor agent for colored people, left on last evening's express for New Orleans, in contract for 150 men to work on farms in Oregon. Mr. Green has recently returned from a trip through Oregon, and he reports the demand for labor in that state as exceeding the supply.

News received within a day or two from J. H. Bartlett is to the effect that he is remaining contentedly at Dr. Clark's private asylum, and is so equitably treated by the treatment, out there yet no assurance of permanent recovery.

The Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, this city, will be officially visited to-day by Mrs. M. F. Partridge, the Grand Worthy Matron. The members of Saline and Madera Chapters have been invited to be present. There will also be a banquet.

The San Joaquin Valley Association of Congregational Churches finished its session yesterday evening. In the morning an address was delivered on "The Proper Observances of the Sabbath," after which communion services were held, and the Association adjourned without date.

Yosemite Lodge, No. 171, A. O. U. W., has elected the following-named officers for the term beginning 1889: W. E. Williams, Master Workman; M. B. Bily, Foreman; T. C. G. Overstreet, M. Staton; T. J. Kirk, M. G. Gandy; Watchman; Frank Short, Outside Watchman; G. F. Alexander, Trustee for long term.

Richard Lambell and G. M. Martin, prominent dealers of San Francisco, were in this city yesterday on their way to Breeley, where Mr. Martin expects to locate during the grain season. Mr. Lambell is prospecting the coming crop. He was, previous to President Cleveland's administration, Consul at Madero, Mexico, for twenty consecutive years.

RAZORS IN THE AIR.

Sim Winters locked out of home by his better half.

Sim Winters, colored, who lives with his wife across the track, was locked up in jail yesterday morning charged with having disturbed the peace of his better half. It seems that Sim had been out to an unusually late hour on the night previous, and on reaching his home found that he had been locked out.

The police are investigating the case, and he became impatient. He knocked hard and called loud to his wife to open the door, but she refused to hear. Finding his efforts were in vain he went around to the side window and forced his way in, but his wife refused to admit him to her room. He then grew desperate and commenced to throw the contents of the room out on the ground, at the same time cursing so loudly that he disturbed the peace of the neighborhood.

The officer was attracted by the noise and on reaching the house placed that traitor husband under arrest. It was taken to jail and this morning will have his trial before Justice Wolcott at 9 o'clock.

It is stated that the real cause of the trouble is due to a young negro who has been altogether too attentive of late to Winters' wife.

SHAKING DICE.

How a Fruit-Seller Got Even on Some Gambling Customers.

"Sheka da shea; well, all rights," said a fruit-vender yesterday to a customer who entered his shop and extended three long bony fingers for the dice.

The man threw three aces and the fruit-seller tossed out four sixes. The customer paid double the price of the oranges that he took and walked off apologetically.

"Do you expect to make a living sell-

ing fruit that way by shaking the bones for it?" inquired a reporter, who happened to be witness to the gambling transaction.

"I guess so. When I came first to this town, I buy de orange, de banana, de grape, de sleinene, de apple, de chata and de fruits of all description. One man one day asks me 'Sheka de bona de fruta. I wanna, I gotta de fruits for free, I gotta I pay double fora de fruta.' Well, I keepa de dice fora de game, everybody sheka de game again in Fresno, I gotta 'falla righta.' He shaka and wanna a dozen orange, banana, make me looka sicka and say de badda words. After five minutes anoda mama tooka de shaka and wanna de banna. After dotha anoda and anoda and I gotta sicka, sicka, sicka."

"When do night fall down I counta five dolls worth de fruits goa al biabu. 'Sheka the al biabu,' I say. 'Sheka the al biabu and I gotta do shoppa, I gotta do lafay. I drinka five glass of wine.'

"'Sheka'! I gotta it come like a bomba. I gotta make me looka sicka and say de badda words. After five minutes anoda mama tooka de shaka and wanna de banna. After dotha anoda and anoda and I gotta sicka, sicka, sicka."

"RAISIN PACKING."

Buyers Making Ready to Handle an Enormous Crop This Season.

Frank Passmore, of Williams, Brown & Co., The California Raisin and Fruit Company, arrived yesterday from San Francisco for the purpose of leaving work begun immediately upon two additions to their packing-house in this city. The additions will comprise an engine-house, a packing-house and a box factory. The main building will be 90x110 feet, and one of the additions will be 40x50 feet. When these shall have been constructed the company will be enabled to handle all the dried fruit that may be brought to their establishment. The engines and machinery have been built and nothing remains but to put them in place.

"We do not propose to go into the business of buying green fruits this year, and we will give the fruit-growers a chance to do their own drying. We will buy the dried fruit and pack and ship it."

"Why are you going to discontinue purchasing green fruit?" was asked.

"Because there is a general stagnation in California products," was the reply. "Heretofore we have been paying a premium for green fruit, but we are not getting it now."

"From what you have seen of the country what do you think of the coming raisin crop of Fresno county?" was asked.

"It will be largely increased; in fact, I think the crop will be tremendous. There will be over 600,000 boxes of raisins over last year, and the growers have expanded, and it is going to late成熟."

"What do you think will be the price?"

